

primarily serving the people of the Cullowhee area and college students.

INDUSTRIAL LAND USE

According to the 1974-1975 Directory of North Carolina Manufacturing Firms, there are fourteen (14) industries located in Jackson County. Most of the industries are located in the Sylva-Dillsboro area. Very few industries are located away from the incorporated towns. Over the past several years, the county has experienced a decrease in the number of manufacturing firms employing persons in the county.

The primary industries, employing the most people in manufacturing in the county, are Skyland Textile, Sylva Manufacturing, Mead Corporation and Champion International Corporations. A loss of any one of these firms could substantially hamper the economy of Jackson County.

PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC LAND USES

Public and semi-public lands include churches, schools, cemeteries, recreation facilities, and all other types of federal, state, and local lands. Much of the land in this category is being used for educational purposes in the county. A large number of churches and cemeteries also exist in the county.

The federal government owns some fifteen (15%) percent of all land area within the county. Most of this land is accounted for in the Blue Ridge Parkway and Nantahala National Forest.

RESOURCE PRODUCTION, EXTRACTION, AND UNDEVELOPED LAND

This category consists primarily of forest and agricultural lands and vacant land. Some mining operations do take place in the county.

The total acreage for Jackson County is 319,744 acres.¹ Of this total

¹North Carolina State Government, Statistical Abstract, 1973 N. C. Department of Administration.